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SUBJ: CIVAIR: DEBRE QUESTION ON CONCORDE

1. SUMMARY--EX-PRIME MINISTER DEBRE HAS SUBMITTED WRITTEN PARLIAMENTARY QUESTION CRITICAL OF USG PRE-TENSION LIMIT POINTS OF ORIGIN OF CONCORDE FLIGHTS AND SUGGESTING GOF PROPOSE TO EUROPEAN PARTNERS SIMILAR PROCEDURE FOR AUTHORIZATION OF US ORODUCTS. DEBRE IS PROCEEDING FROM A FALSE PREMISE. END SUMMARY.

2. ON FEB. 12 FORMER PRIME MINISTER MICHEL DEBRE SUBMITTED IN NATIONAL ASSEMBLY WRITTEN QUESTION TO FOREIGN MINISTER ON SUBJECT OF CONCORDE. COPY OF QUESTION WAS SENT TO AMBASSADOR BY DEBRE.

2. TEXT OF QUESTION FOLLOWS IN INFORMAL TRANSLATION:
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QUOTE: 1. WHAT ARE THE ECOLOGICAL REASONS AND

JURIDICAL BASES FOR THE DECISION OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT NOT TO PERMIT THE CONCORDE AIRCRAFT TO LAND ON THE AMERICAN CONTINENT UNLESS IT TAKES OFF FROM EUROPEAN TERRITORY, AND PARTICULARLY FRENCH TERRITORY, FROM TWO AIRPORTS WHICH THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HAS SPECIFIED, AND IF HE (THE MINISTER) DOES NOT CONSIDER THAT THE ABSENCE OF PROTEST IN SUCH A MATTER IS EQUIVALENT TO RECOGNIZING A REGAL RIGHT (UN DROIT REGALIEN) ON THE PART OF THE UNITED STATES OVER THE EUROPEAN CONTINENT AND PARTICULARLY FRANCE, THUS OPENING THE WAY AT THE SAME TIME TO A NEW CONCEPT OF RELATIONS BETWEEN STATES; IF, IN PARTICULAR, IT IS ADMISSIBLE TO PREVENT THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC FROM LEAVING THE NATIONAL TERRITORY FROM ORLY AIRPORT, OR FROM ANY OTHER AIRPORT, TO TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES ON AN OFFICIAL VISIT.

2. IF HE DOES NOT CONSIDER, IN THE LIGHT OF THE PROCEDURE IMPOSED ON THE FRANCO-BRITISH AIRCRAFT CONCORDE, THAT IT WOULD BE WISE TO PROPOSE TO THE GOVERNMENT AND TO SUBMIT TO THE PARLIAMENT A TEXT WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE NATIONAL AUTHORITY TO IMPOSE, AS NECESSARY, ON SUCH AND SUCH A PRODUCT OF AMERICAN MANUFACTURE A SIMILAR PROCEDURE FOR AUTHORIZATION AND, MOREOVER, TO ENVISAGE SEIZING ONE OF THE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF HEADS OF STATE OR GOVERNMENT WITH A PROPOSAL FOR EXTENDING TO ALL EUROPEAN COUNTRIES A PROCEDURE OF THIS TYPE IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH A MINIMUM OF EQUALITY IN BUSINESS COMPETITION. UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: IN HIS HASTE TO TAKE A SWIPE AT THE US DEBRE IS CLEARLY NOT ONE TO BE DETERRED IN THIS INSTANCE BY SUCH MINOR DETAILS AS FAULTY PREMISE OR NON-SEQUITURS. OBVIOUSLY HE HASN'T READ THE COLEMAN DECISION.
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